



*A sunny day in the South Yuba River Corridor.*

**Award Amount**  
\$524,671

**Watershed**  
South Yuba River Watershed

**County**  
Nevada County

**CALFED Region**  
Sacramento Valley Region

**Legislative Districts**  
US Congress: 4  
State Assembly: 3  
State Senate: 4 and 1

## Purpose

Develop a comprehensive resource management plan for the South Yuba River.

## Project Goals

- Develop a watershed-based cooperative river management plan for a 40-mile stretch of the South Yuba River.
- Use the plan to guide the protection and improvement of a wide range of resources in the South Yuba River Watershed.

## Benefits to the CALFED Program

*The Yuba River Watershed is tributary to the Feather River, which, in turn, feeds into the Sacramento River. The Yuba River is one of the few remaining wild steelhead fisheries in the Central Valley. According to the ERPP, steelhead and spring-run Chinook salmon may greatly benefit from actions to restore access to historical holding, spawning, and rearing areas upstream of Englebright Dam. By conducting a watershed assessment, collaborative agency planning, and implementing restoration actions, this project helps ERPP achieve this goal by improving the health of the watershed. This project also furthers the goals of the Watershed Program by improving coordination and assistance among government agencies, developing a watershed assessment, and facilitating public outreach.*

## Project Overview

This project develops a resource management plan for a 40-mile reach of the South Yuba River between Spaulding and Englebright Reservoirs. The project reach is designated as a State Wild and Scenic River and is recommended for National Wild and Scenic River designation. The Yuba River supports highly valued populations of steelhead trout, resident rainbow trout, and fall-run Chinook salmon.

The project is led by a collaboration of agencies: the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The management plan will serve as a long-term guide for the three cooperating agencies.

The project includes four major phases:

1. *Scoping.* The scoping phase includes a review of important resource planning and management issues, the identification of key-resource and social issues in the South Yuba River watershed, and the development of plan objectives using a community-based approach to guide the project.
2. *Watershed Assessment.* The watershed assessment conducted for the project reach identifies resource conditions. It also identifies land use and management practices (by location and type) that influence key resource conditions in the project area.
3. *Planning.* This phase includes the development of goals, objectives, and desired future conditions. These resource management interests are described through a community-based approach.
4. *Implementation.* This phase calls for implementing and monitoring actions identified in Phase 3 that address the range of desired future resource conditions.



*The rushing South Yuba River cascades through a rocky canyon.*

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